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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV360-7-12

SUBJECT: PER – West Virginia Partnership Conference

Purpose. To inform employees of the 2007 WV Conservation Partnership Conference.

Expiration Date: This bulletin expires October 30, 2007

ACTION REQUIRED BY: Field – 10/10/07

Management Team – 10/12/07

The West Virginia Association of Conservation Districts is joining with the West Virginia Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society (WVSWCS), the West Virginia Resource Conservation and Development Association, the West Virginia Association of Professional Soil Scientists (WVAPSS), the WV Conservation Agency, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the USDA Farm Service Agency, the WV Conservation Districts, and the WVACD Auxiliary to host a joint annual 2007 WV Conservation Partnership Conference. The meeting will be held on October 30-November 1, 2007 at the Marriott Hotel Town Center in Charleston, West Virginia. The theme of the conference is "The Power of Conservation." Our agency will be supporting this effort through participation in the conference planning and attendance at the conference.

Employees should request permission to attend through the chain of command starting with their supervisors. Supervisors in the field, in turn, should send the list of employees they recommend to attend to their Management Team Member for concurrence. Management Team Members should forward their list of employees to the State Conservationist, for attendance approval. Justification for attendance should include items such as making a presentation, receiving training, supporting award farm presentations, etc.

The following meals will be provided in the registration fee: Dinner on Tuesday, October 30 – deduct \$21.00 from daily M&IE; Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, October 31 – deduct \$12.00 from daily M&IE; Business Luncheon on Thursday, November 1 – deduct \$12.00 from daily M&IE; and Banquet on Thursday, November 1 – deduct \$21.00 from daily M&IE.



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All employees are expected to <u>carpool in a GOV</u>. Individuals may request in writing <u>prior</u> to the meeting the use of a POV from their ASTC-FO or Management Team Member. The POV rate (12.5 cents per mile) can be approved by the ASTC-FO or Management Team Member.

Registration fees for approved NRCS employees will be paid directly by NRCS through the State Office.

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KEVIN WICKEY State Conservationist

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